

went to law school I could say that I had so many hours of income tax. We never saw an income tax form, didn't do that till you got out and had experience and you learned and wished that you had those internships and those experiences and that's what this is all about. In terms of availability, we do have a good system of ophthalmologists and, Senator Vrtiska, I would be interested, if you could tell me what things are done and required under the corroboration with a doctor that an optometrist does. Could you answer that for me?

SPEAKER BAACK: Senator Vrtiska.

SENATOR KRISTENSEN: You made the statement, Senator Vrtiska, that there are things that optometrists do under the corroboration or consultation with a doctor and I just want to know what those were.

SENATOR VRTISKA: Senator Kristensen, I guess my...I was referring to the fact that, as I understand it, well, I guess it isn't as I understand it, as I've been told that many...almost...well, many, I guess, is a better word, of the optometrists have ophthalmologists who come to their offices to do procedures or to consult with optometrists and it's always been interesting to me that there seems to be this turf battle going on all the time and yet many of my friends who are in the...who are optometrists regularly consult and work with ophthalmologists.

SENATOR KRISTENSEN: And why do you suppose they do that?

SENATOR VRTISKA: Well, I would guess, first of all, there are a number of things that they can't do as optometrists and they understand that so they go to, obviously, a higher level of training, somebody that understands the issue more clearly than they would be apt to because they work all the time. But, you know, it's interesting because you talk about medical doctors, my daughter is a medical doctor but she probably doesn't know any more about treating eyes than I do.

SENATOR KRISTENSEN: And the reason for that is is that she's not an ophthalmologist, isn't that right, and she didn't go...

SENATOR VRTISKA: That's...

SENATOR KRISTENSEN: ...she didn't go get her specialty after